Streamlining (he Public Sector Coal Mining Industry

1996. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken the latest study to streamline the public sector coal-mining industry in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has since approved the proposal to restructure coal mining industry; and

(d) if so, in what manner the restructure will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No specific study of the institutionalised type has been undertaken by the Government in recent months on restructuring of the Coal Industry in the public sector. However, a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Board on Energy looked into some of the organisational aspects of the coal industry and made certain recommendations, including:

(1) That the power to appoint Functional Directors of the subsidiary coal companies should vest in the Coal India Ltd**.** (CIL).

(2) The Coal India Limited should have complete autonomy and authority to evolve and implement policies and programmes relating to the development of coal industry within the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding.

(3) Government should interact with Coal India Limited only. It should not deal or come directly in touch with the subsidiary coal companies.

(4) Two positions of Vice-Chairman should be created for Coal India Limited.

'S) The CMDs of. the subsidiary coal companies should not be represented on the CIL Board.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to restructure the CIL.

Steps to -meet the shortage of Power during Summer

1997. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DESU has failed to provide adequate power during the current winter period when the demand for electricity goes down;

(b) whether the Delhites fear to get adequate electricity during the coming summer season when the demand goes up steeply;

(c) whether the DESU has since taken any steps to meet the power challenge during the coming summer season; and

(d) if so, what are the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The power supply position in Delhi during the current winter period has been, by and large, satisfactory.

(b) DESU does not anticipate any difficulty in meeting the power demand of Delhi during the coming summer season.

(c) and (d) DESU proposes to meet the power demand during the coming summer from its own generation at LP. and Gas Turbine Stations, generation from Badarpur TPS, its share from Central Power Stations and assistance from the Northern Grid. In order to augment supply of electricity in Delhi, steps have been taken to improve the performance of LP. and Badarpur TPS, strengthening